CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A web-based, computer implemented process for tracking the work flow activities for a project to communicate completion status of the project to a plurality of parties involved in the project, the method comprising:

generating a plurality of activity management records in a work flow
5   management system;

providing a web page output from the work flow management system accessible to a plurality of users via a communications network; and

enabling the web page output to include on a single web page:

a listing of a plurality of activities associated with a project;

10 a display responsive to a planned sequence of completion of the plurality of activities;

an indication of a party responsible for each respective activity;

a completion status indication for each respective activity, the completion status indication being provided by a change in state of a visual indicator associated
15 with each respective activity on the web page; and

an indication of activities that remain to be completed for the completion of the project.

2. The process of claim 1, wherein the visual indicator comprises a
20 predetermined area on the single web page associated with each respective activity, and a display element positioned in such area indicative of a completion status of the activity.

3. The process of claim 1, further comprising providing at least one
25 hyperlink on the single web page directed to a second web page containing information related to the project.

4. The process of claim 1, further comprising providing a web page output from the work flow management system including a listing of a plurality of
30 activities associated with a plurality of associated projects on the single web page.

5.   The process of claim 4, further comprising providing a search engine function accessible to the plurality of users via the electronic network and selectively displaying information on the single web page in a format responsive to a user selected criteria.

6.   A web based activity tracking system comprising:

a server;

a plurality of user interface devices connected to the server via a communications network;

logic resident on the server adapted to produce a web display accessible by the plurality of user interface devices, the web display comprising a single web page containing:

an listing of a plurality of activities associated with at least one project;

an indication of a planned sequence of completion of the activities;

an indication of a party responsible for each activity;

an indication of a completion status for each activity, the indication comprising a change in state of a visual indicator representative of the completion status.

7.   The web based tracking system of claim 6, wherein the indication of a completion status further comprises a predetermined area on the single web page associated with each respective activity, and wherein the change in state of a visual indicator comprises a display element in the predetermined area.

8.   The web based tracking system of claim 6, further comprising an indication on the single web page of activities that remain to be completed for the completion of a project.

9.   The web based tracking system of claim 6, further comprising at least one hyperlink on the single web page directed to a second web page containing information related to the at least one project.

10. The web based tracking system of claim 6, further comprising a search capability resident on the server for manipulating the single web page web display in response to a user selected criteria.

5   11. A computer implemented, internet based commerce system for the auctioning of items among multiple auction parties, the system comprising:

a buyer database containing information about at least one buyer;

a supplier database containing information about at least one supplier;

an item database containing information about at least one item being

10   exchanged at auction;

an bidding database containing bidding information;

a communications network interconnecting the buyer database, the supplier database, the item database and the bidding database; and

logic operable through the communications database for producing a single

15   web page display of post auction award activity information on a user interface device connected to the communications network, the display comprising:

a listing of activities necessary to complete the sale of at least one of the items being auctioned;

an indication of a planned sequence of completion of the activities;

20   an indication of a party responsible for each activity; and

a visual indicator having a state representative of a completion status for each respective activity.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the display further comprises:

25   a predetermined area on the single web page associated with each respective activity, the predetermined areas being arranged on the single web page in an order responsive to the planned sequence of completion; and

a display element associated with each predetermined area and having a state representative of the completion status of the respective activity.

13.   The system of claim 12, wherein the listing of activities necessary to complete the sale comprises acceptance of contract of sale, shipment of item, delivery of item, acceptance of delivered item, and payment.

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14.   The system of claim 13, further comprising a hyperlink on the single web page directed to a second web page including a purchase order form.